

Title: Conference Attendance

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Purpose: To provide opportunities for Council Members and Appointed Board Members to attend conferences in order to continue to learn and enhance their knowledge on relevant subjects and issues.

Definitions

Adult Interdependent Partner means a person who has lived with a person in a relationship of interdependence:

- i. For a continuous period of not less than 3 years, or
- ii. Of some permanence, if there is a child of the relationship by birth or adoption,

Or the person has entered into an adult interdependent partner agreement with the other person in accordance with the Adult Interdependent Relationships Act, R.S.A 2000, Chapter A-4.5.

Relationship of Interdependence means a relationship outside marriage in which any 2 persons

- i. Share one another's lives,
- ii. Are emotionally committed to one another, and
- iii. Function as an economic and domestic unit.

Spouse means the legally married partner of an individual.

Policy

1. Through attending conferences, Council and Board Members will maintain awareness of matters and current issues affecting residents and functions of the municipality.
2. All Council Members are encouraged to attend both Rural Municipalities of Alberta conferences each year, as well as the annual "Growing the North" conference and the annual Federation of Canadian Municipalities conference.
3. Appointed Board Members are encouraged to attend the conferences which are appropriate to their appointments.
4. Council Members and Appointed Board Members will be reimbursed for expenses and will be paid an honorarium in accordance with the applicable policies of

Greenview.

5. Conference participants under this policy are to provide written or verbal reports regarding conferences attended to the Council or Board, as appropriate.
6. Council will consider requests for approval for attendance of a Council Member or Appointed Board Member to other conferences not otherwise specifically identified or implied by this policy.
7. Council Members or Appointed Board Members will not be compensated for any expenses associated with attendance at a conference for which Greenview Council has not provided prior approval.
8. Any costs incurred as a result of a Council Member or Appointed Board Member failing to attend a conference without the necessary cancellation arrangements being made prior to the conference will be borne by that Council Member or Appointed Board Member, unless otherwise exempt by Council motion.
9. Greenview will pay for the travel/meal expenses and spousal conference packages, if any, of the Council Member's or Appointed Board Member's spouse, adult interdependent partner, or individual who is in a relationship of interdependence with the Councillor.
10. The travelling partner of the Council Member must be over the age of eighteen (18).